

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

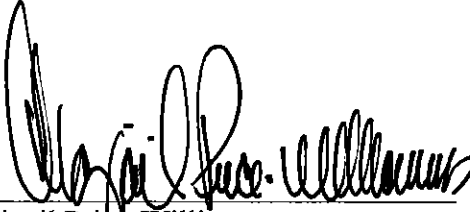
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 20, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
United States Department of
Housing and Urban Development
to support efforts to expand
stable housing opportunities for
people living with human
immunodeficiency virus ("HIV")
and acquired immunodeficiency
syndrome ("AIDS") and to
increase funding for the Housing
Opportunities for Persons With
AIDS program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

3-20-18

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO EXPAND STABLE HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS ("HIV") AND ACQUIRED
IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME ("AIDS") AND TO
INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2015, Florida had the highest rate of human immunodeficiency virus ("HIV") diagnoses among adults and adolescents, which was almost double the national rate; and

WHEREAS, as of 2015, Miami-Dade County ranked first in the United States for new HIV infections per 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2017, the Miami-Dade County HIV/AIDS "Getting 2 Zero" Task Force, which was established by the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership, issued the "Getting 2 Zero" Final Report 2017; and

WHEREAS, the "Getting 2 Zero" report recommended expanding the network of housing available for people living with HIV and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome ("AIDS") ("PLWHAs"), with particular attention to pregnant women, released ex-offenders, youth and other high-risk HIV-positive groups; and

WHEREAS, social support needs such as housing are extraordinarily important factors impacting PLWHAs and affecting their linkage to (and retention in) HIV care; and

WHEREAS, data from over 9,500 persons with HIV/AIDS in care in the Ryan White program indicate that housing stability is highly correlated with better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, fully 30 percent of the PLWHAs who are homeless or living in impermanent housing have high viral loads, indicating that they are capable of continuing to be a source of new HIV/AIDS infections in the community; and

WHEREAS, emergency short-term housing for high-risk groups, such as pregnant HIV positive women and recently-released ex-offenders, is important in attempts to keep these individuals in care while transitioning into permanent care; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the high cost of housing in Miami-Dade County is limiting the ability of programs such as Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (“HOPWA”) to provide affordable housing options for those who qualify; and

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to operate and administer the HOPWA housing program, which provides subsidized housing to low-income persons/households, as defined each year by HUD, with an AIDS diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, HOPWA in Miami already has a housing assistance waitlist for PLWHAs who need housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, President Obama signed into law the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (“HOTMA”), which updated HUD’s statutory funding formula for HOPWA programs; and

WHEREAS, the statutory funding formula update will likely result in funding cuts for HOPWA in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports stable and affordable housing for PLWHA and wishes to urge HUD to increase funding for the HOPWA program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to support efforts to expand stable housing opportunities for people living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV") and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome ("AIDS") and to increase funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2018 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of March, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Laura E. Wade